

Thursday, April 15, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Conference Report on Congressional Budget.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 805–825, S.J. Res. 19, S. Res. 77–80, and S. Con. Res. 26.

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Measures Passed:

Commending University of Connecticut Men's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 77, commending and congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 1999 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. Pages S3756–58

Uniformed Services Filing Fairness Act: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 87), Senate passed H.R. 1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, clearing the measure for the President.

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Prior to this action, Senate completed consideration of S. 767 (Senate companion measure), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2-month extension for the due date for filing a tax return for any member of a uniformed service on a tour of duty outside the United States for a period which includes the normal due date for such filing.

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Subsequently, S. 767 was placed back on the Senate calendar.

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Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 78, to authorize representation of Members and officers of the Senate in the case of *Jim Russell v. Albert Gore, et al.*

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Designating Chairman/Joint Economic Committee: Senate agreed to S. Res. 79, designating the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee for the 106th Congress.

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Rescue Mission of Mr. Ivers Sims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 80, congratulating Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley for their bravery and courage in the April 12, 1999, rescue mission of Mr. Ivers Sims.

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Terry Sanford Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 911, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building", clearing the measure for the President.

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Congressional Budget—Conference Report: By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 86), Senate agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

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Appointments:

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 103–419, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights: Ellsie M. Meeks of South Dakota.

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International Sessions Relating to Trade Agreements: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100–418, appointed the following individuals to serve as Congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to International conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements: Senators Roth, Chafee, Grassley, Moynihan, and Baucus.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William J. Hibbler, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Matthew F. Kennelly, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph Francis Baca, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2001.

Robert Nelson Baldwin, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2001.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

32 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—87)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, April 19, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3820.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombek, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, who were accompanied by several of their associates.

APPROPRIATIONS—VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, D. Mark Catlett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary for Health, and

Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary for Benefits, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James E. Johnson, Under Secretary for Enforcement, Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner of the Customs Service, John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Brian L. Stafford, Director, United States Secret Service, W. Ralph Basham, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and James F. Sloan, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, all of the Department of the Treasury.

U.S.-KOSOVO POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the United States policy regarding Kosovo, and a revised strategic concept for NATO, after receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS

Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for research and development, after receiving testimony from Neal Lane, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; C. Dan Brand, Federal Laboratory Consortium, National Center for Toxicology Research, Jefferson, Arkansas; Albert H. Teich, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.; and Teri F. Willey, ARCH Development Corporation, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

ALASKA LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 501, to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska, after receiving testimony from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Alaska State Senator Robin Taylor, Robert W. Loescher, Sealaska Corporation, Frank Rue, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Buck Lindekugel, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Dale Kelley, on behalf of the Alaska Trollers Association and Allied Fishermen of Southeast Alaska, all of Juneau, Alaska; Jack Hession, Sierra Club, Anchorage, Alaska; Marcia